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MEMORANDUM FOR: TALENT Control Officer, CIA

THROUGH : Assistant to DD/I (Planning), *[Signature]*

FROM : Deputy Assistant Director/Collection/SI

SUBJECT : Request Clearance of OSI Personnel to TALENT Materials
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1. A preliminary study of TALENT materials and recent acquisition of other types of evidence suggest that the USSR has an aggressive program designed to conquer space flight. Space flight with unmanned vehicles (or with animals) will give way in time to manned flights. The techniques for accomplishing these objectives, both in relationship to materials and equipment and with men, are, in many cases, not now known or even fully understood. Soviet current research and exploration, therefore, must be delving into the areas of fundamental sciences and space "medicine" in their attempts to find answers.

2. Inasmuch as firm evidence exists in the TALENT materials that the Soviets are pointing toward space flight, I believe it timely that OSI should now clear for these materials at least the Chiefs of the two divisions concerned with these aspects of the problem, i.e., Fundamental Science and Medicine Divisions. Research by these two divisions is required in support of the work of the Applied Science and Guided Missiles Divisions.

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3. It is therefore requested that  Chief, Fundamental Science Division, OSI and  Chief, Medicine Division, OSI be approved and granted clearance for access to necessary TALENT materials.

POSITION APPROVAL:

CIA TALENT Control Officer

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